GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
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PROTECTED MONUMENTS IN WEST BENGAL .
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally protected monuments / sites which have been declared of national importance in West Bengal;

(b) whether the Government has any concrete planning for their day-to-day maintenance;

(c) if so, the details of steps the Government proposes to take to protect these sites; and

(d) the amount sanctioned from National Culture Fund to West Bengal and the details of amount actually spent on these monuments / sites in the State during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) There are 133 centrally protected monuments of national importance in West Bengal. They are listed in the Annexure.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Conservation of monuments is a continuous process. In addition to routine maintenance of monuments, annual conservation programmes are drawn for structural conservation, chemical preservation and environmental development of selected monuments as prioritized according to need and availability of resources.

(d) There is no ASI project in West Bengal under the National Culture Fund. The details of amount spent by ASI during the last three years for conservation of monuments in West Bengal are as under :

Sl. No.	Year	ExpenditureRs. In lakhs
1.	2004-05	566.89
2.	2005-06	449.46
3.	2006-07	368.84